

A complete set of claims, in which the specific claim amendments are clearly indicated, is attached hereto as Appendix A. In addition, a complete set of amended claims, incorporating each of the above-noted amendments, is attached hereto as Appendix B.

REMARKS

As a result of the foregoing amendments, a total of 68 claims remain in the present application. Original claims 1-26 have been emended, and new claims 27-68 have been introduced.

The foregoing amendments are presented solely in order to more clearly define the subject matter of the present invention, and to correct typographical errors identified in the originally filed claims. In preparing the amended claims, careful attention was paid to ensure that every claimed feature of the present invention is properly supported by the originally filed specification and drawings, and that no new subject matter has been introduced. Accordingly, entry and consideration of the amended claims is believed to be proper, and such action is courteously solicited.

If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No.

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